Dale and Leone Turner and Family

WELCOME TO CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE —

MAY 4, 5, 6, 1954

Plymouth Congregational Church

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Red Birds In The Tree Tops

One of the joys available to everyone these fine mornings is the red bird sitting high in a tree top filling the air with melody. You see and hear them everywhere, their brilliant red flashing in the sunlight. One of the best tributes to the joyous cardinal was written back in 1928 by the late William Allen White. The Emporia Gazette republished it, along with other White editorials on February 10, the birthday of the "Sage of Emporia." No one else has quite caught the spirit of the red bird.

"He was singing his heart out in the sun of the early morning today; sitting on the top branch of a brown lilac bush, all burning red was he. His throbbing notes came full and fine. Clothed in the feathery brown lace of the bush the red bird glowed like a drop of blood bursting from a heart full of passionate faith. He sang because he had to sing. His urge was a part of the force that moves the stars—mechanical maybe; certainly natural. But we who heard him, we who translated his joy into gratitude, who took his song and made it our own delight, who caught it on our own wave-length and so aspired with the high gods, well, if our thrill was only the mechanics of nature working, then the great mechanic back of the machine must know joy, too; must feel the thrill of beauty, the passion of high hopes. For the parts cannot be greater than the whole."

"And God's in His Heaven!"

—Topeka Daily Capital.

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An Error

Page 14 of our February issue reported that our Newton Church had pledged $100.00 to the Church Loan Fund. The figure should have been $1000.00.

Centennial Celebration

May 4, 5, and 6, 1954

Gracing our cover page this month are the Turner's — Leone and Dale with their four sons; Gregory — 12, Charles — 4½, Robert — 2½, Drew — six months and Dennis the family dog, one year. A happy family to welcome us to Lawrence for the Conference Centennial Celebration in May.

The Rev. Dale E. Turner, host minister writes:

Members of Plymouth are looking forward to welcoming Congregationalists throughout Kansas for the Centennial meeting, May 4, 5 and 6. It is not often that we have a share in a hundredth birthday. We are hoping that every one of you will want to be present for all three days of celebration. We will do everything that we can to make your stay a memorable one.

Co-Chairmen of the Conference Centennial program are the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones and the Rev. Dale E. Turner. A pageant portraying the history of a century of Congregationalism in Kansas written by Miss Carmie Wolfe of Topeka Central, will feature the opening night. Guest leaders include: Dr. Ronald Bridges, Dr. Henry Smith Leiper and Miss Margaret Hargrove.

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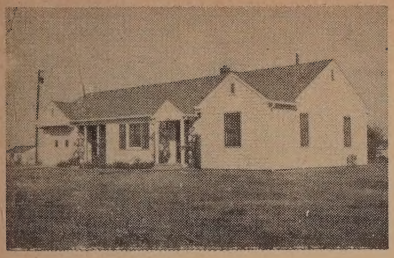


Topeka Seabrook Parsonage

"We Grow With Seabrook"

By Elmer Erickson, Minister

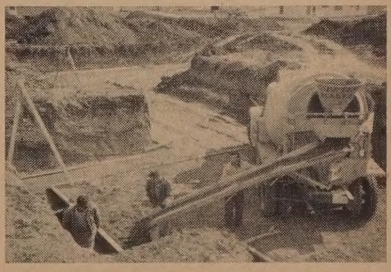
This has been our slogan, and what growing pains we have! It was somewhat painful to decide to move from the site at 19th and Gage where the church had been for almost sixty years. The lots for that church were given by Central Congregational Church, under the leadership of Dr. Charles M. Sheldon as a mission of Central Church, serving a community far out from the city at that time. There is some sentiment which still carries over, regarding the old church building, the bell which was heard in Seabrook Community for years, and the old parsonage which was built entirely by volunteer labor. There is a certain amount of pain in parting with old loves.

After the decision was made to move west into the newer housing and away from the traffic hazard of Gage Boulevard, it was indeed difficult to find enough vacant land at a suitable location, and unlimited hours were spent in "just looking." Dr. Black from New York came to work with Seabrook people and Dr. Merle Rymph gave many hours of consultation.

Then to find a buyer for the old property became a real headache and a long lasting one too. Many were interested in the corner, but few had money to buy. Several investors and business men wanted the property but it could not be zoned for business; fifteen different church groups shopped around befort the Southern Baptists finally bought the old church and parsonage.

NOW, the new parsonage is bought and is in almost constant use for committe and group meetings as well as "a heap of livin' ". The church building is underway and enthusiasm is growing almost hourly. Men, women and children of the congregation are doing all they can to help in the building and as this is written, the basement is dug, the footings are in and one wall of the concrete foundation poured. Lights are up at night and men of the church are giving many hours of volunteer labor to cut costs and speed building. So far, thirty-three men have worked nights or holidays. Women of the church maintain "coffee break" for workers at night.

A loan from the State Conference the summer of 1952 made possible the purchase of the new site at 19th and Burnett Road. A building fund solicitation led by the Rev. George Fisk of Wichita, working with forty men of Seabrook in November of 1952, brought in local funds, a part of



Seabrook Church Under Construction

which went into the new parsonage at 1900 James.

A substantial loan from the Church Building Loan Fund, and a very good contract with Jayhawk Construction Company of Topeka, will help to build the larger church which we so much need in this growing community. Seabrook Church is composed of over ninety percent young married couples, with young families, just starting to buy new homes in southwest Topeka. They need a church but are limited in their financial ability, yet with the giving of time and self, much is accomplished.

The Church School has grown until one class meets in the home of the superintendent, having crowded out all the corners of the old church and parsonage. The Pilgrim Fellowship meets in the homes, as the Southern Baptists have use of the entire plant on Sunday nights. Church attendance has picked up and interest is high since construction is under way.

We continue to "Grow With Seabrook" as we do our part in the Centennial Goal. Our memebrship was 126 in 1951 and is now 288.

We do grow—and now we BUILD!

Centennial Choirs

Letters have gone out to every church inviting choir members to join one of the massed choirs at the Conference Centennial at Lawrence. Eastern representatives will sing on Tuesday nite, May 4 with Mr. Charles Sager of Topeka Central as Director. Southern and Western members are asked to sing on Wednesday nite, May 5, under the direction of Clayton Krehbiel of Plymouth Church, Lawrence. Be sure your choir is represented by a trio, quartet, double quartet or more.

Prairie Village To Self Support

Kansas Congregational and
Christian Conference:

Dear Dr. Rymph:

At the Annual Meeting of the Colonial Church in Prairie Village, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"Resolved that The Colonial Church in Prairie Village, in gratitude and appreciation to the Board of Home Missions and to the Kansas Conference, acknowledges its inception and life to the generous gifts and subsidies of these bodies to this congregation. It further acknowledges its growth and potential, and deseires to be a self-supporting and mature church.

Therefore, the Colonial Church in Prairie Village agrees to forego all further subsidy payments from the Board of Home Missions and the Kansas State Conference, in order that such monies may be made available to other churches for the furtherance of the work of Christ throughout the world."

These simple words hardly do justice to our feelings of appreciation for the kindly counsel and generous support we have received during these years. We wish you would convey to the proper committees and boards, to which you are responsible, the sentiment expressed in this letter. Try, if you will, to explain to them, how greatly we value this fellowship in which we have shared, and will continue to share, in the years to come.

Very sincerely yours,
C. Fosberg Hughes,
Minister
Robert L. Robinson,
Moderator
Thelma Bateman,
Clerk.

The Rev. S. Duane Ogden

Pastoral Changes

Duane Ogden to Sabetha

The Rev. Seymour Duane Ogden, for the past five years, minister of the United Church at Osborne, begun his pastorate at the Congregational Church in Sabetha on March 7. Mr. and Mrs. Ogden with their two daughters, Judith, 10 and Jane, 4, moved to Sabetha March 5. The Ogden's have two sons, Duane, Jr., in his third year at Denver University, and Charles, a sophomore at Doane College.

Mr. Ogden is a native of Salem, West Virginia, where he graduated from Salem College. He took his B.D. at Yale Divinity school and was ordained at Waterford, Conn., where he served at student pastor.

Mrs. Ogden, formerly Margaret Stillman, was born and raised in Atchison County, near Nortonville, where he mother, Mrs. Dennis Stillman, lives on the old homestead.

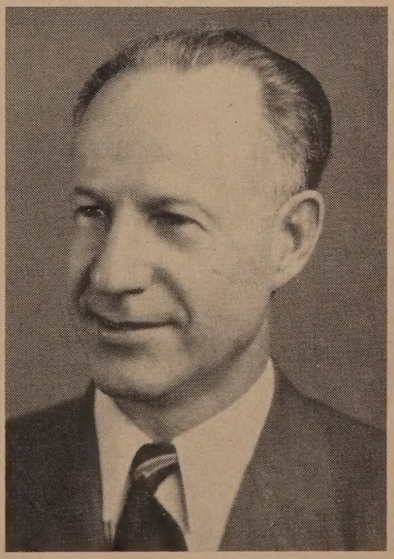
Mr. Ogden has served the Stanley and Olathe, Kansas Community Churches, Anthony and Eureka, besides his most recent pastorate at Osborne. He has also held pastorates in Springfield, Mo., and Princeton, Ill.

He was the first pastor of the newly Federated Church at Osborne, being called in the spring of 1949 after the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches voted to merge their program and work under the name of The United Church. Under his leadership the new church has been consolidated and strengthened and many serious handicaps overcome. The congregation has extensively remodeled its building, investing $38,000 in plant improvements and equipment, besides buying a $6000 Reuter Pipe Organ, all debt free. Attendance and interest have been maintained at a high level and the church has the second highest per capita benevolence giving of Kansas Congregational Churches.

A "New look" in the Sabetha parsonage, in anticipation of their coming included a complete Youngstown kitchen, new bath fixtures, new hard wood floors upstairs and other improvements.

To Gaylord-Athol Parish

The Rev. Claire A. Hughes came to



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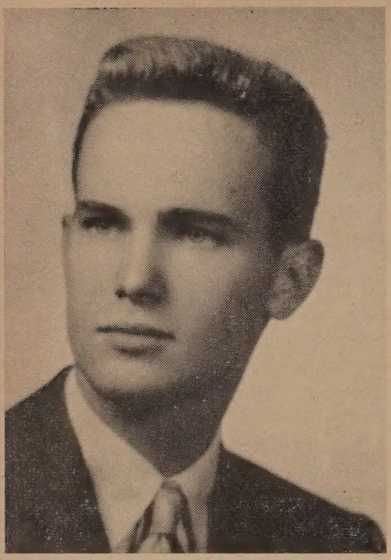


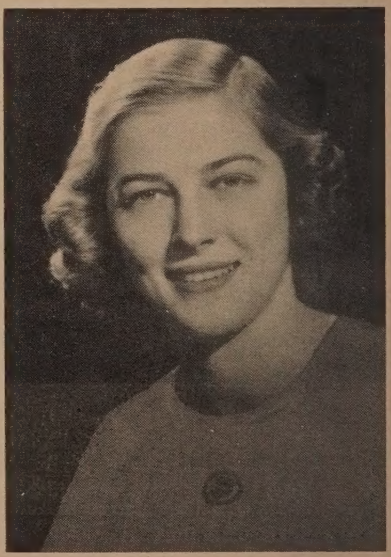
The Rev. Paul Robert Davis

this yoked field from La Moille, Iowa, February 1st. Mr. Hughes did rural pastoral work in Missouri before going to Iowa. At great personal sacrifice he entered school at Drake University while educating his three children, who are now settled in homes of their own. He received his A.B. from Drake last semester. He comes to us out of a background of devoted service to rural churches. Rev. and Mrs. Hughes live in the parsonage at Gaylord, but he maintains an office with scheduled days at the Athol Church, serving both churches on Sunday.

Paul Davis To Garden City

The Rev. Paul Robert Davis, a Fellow studying on the Blatchford Foundation, at Chicago Theological Seminary has been called to the pastorate of the Garden City Community Church. Mr. Davis graduated from C.T.S. with a B.D. in 1952. He received his A.B. from Drury College at Springfield, Missouri in 1950. He took special clinical training at Andover Newton and in a Boston Hospital in 1949. He has completed four quarters of graduate study looking towards a Ph.D Mrs. Davis (Helen) is a graduate of Elmhurst College and did secretarial work while her husband took his formal training in Chicago. She has special talent in music — singing and choir work. Both the Davis' visited their parents in St. Louis enroute to Garden City from Chicago. They stopped overnight on Feb 24th at the state parsonage and drove to Garden City to begin their pastorate the following day.

We are happy to have this talented young couple in the state and look forward to "good news" from Garden City as they take up the pastorate left vacant by Marvin Brown's call to Santa Barbara, California. Garden City has a fine new church structure housing a vigorous program.



Mrs. Paul R. Davis

Barbara, Rebecca, Vernon, Chris and Nancy White

Parsonage Products

Meet The White Quintet

One of the joys of being a State Superintendent is the privilege of knowing the P.K's (preacher's kids) as they are sometimes called. No parsonage is more interesting from the standpoint of shared family activities than the busy White household at Kinsley.

Nancy, the oldest of the five, is in the fourth grade and is her mother's first assistant in looking after the others. Barbara, a third grader, is a bundle of energy and already cuts quite a social figure. Vernon, five, is half cowboy and half dirt farmer and sometime may take on the scholarly traits of his grandfather, Hugh Vernon White, Dean of Pacific School of Religion, after whom he is named. Rebecca, is an activist of the first order and refuses to let her brothers out-do her in getting around. Christopher Kinsman has been satisfied to endear himself to all as "Chris" but he may yet welcome the full nomenclature given him in his Christian name. Seldom will one find a home where pride in relationships runs higher and where family experience means more than they do in this household. The children speak with enthusiasm about each treasure brought from China where their parents were missionairies.

Malcolm and Phyllis the proud parents, will have to forgive us for extolling the virtues of the younger generation — yet they will have their day. The churches of the western association are looking forward to March 28 when the installation services for the new minister of the Kinsley-Garfield yoked field will be held. Among the ministers invited to participate in the installation will be Henry Eden Wright, Paul R. Davis and L. M. Rymph. Western Churches have been invited to send two or more delegates. We look forward to a festive occasion.

Kansas City Ruby

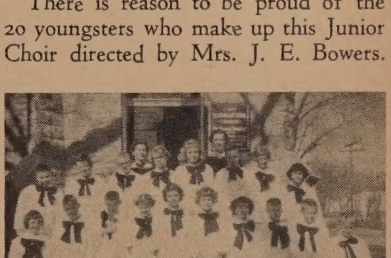
The Rev. Kenneth Holmes reports a lovely new outside bulletin board at Ruby given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steffens in memory of Mr. Steffen's father, Henry P. Steffens.

Church Building and Architecture

A Conference on the above will be held at Manhattan April 22 and 23 sponsored by the Kansas Council and Kansas State College. Dr. Harry Atkinson, Director of Church Architecture of New York will be the leader.

Council Grove

There is reason to be proud of the 20 youngsters who make up this Junior Choir directed by Mrs. J. E. Bowers.



Council Grove Junior Choir

Ministers' Convocation

By Julian B. Johnson

Since I am a newcomer to Kansas Congregationalism, I have been asked to give my impressions of the 1954 Washburn Ministers' Convocation. If one is known by the impressions he keeps, what I record here will be revealing.

First of all, I was impressed by the high quality and magnificent spirit of those who attended the Convocation. I detected a democratic (small d) attitude on the part of all to let each be himself. If there are any thought policemen, I am sure they are secret. C. S. Lewis said that the saints of history are gloriously different. I am not able to pass on the saintliness of the Congregational ministers of Kansas, but I can say they are gloriously different. And I think these very differences account for the unity of spirit and freedom of fellowship enjoyed in the conference.

In the second place, I was impressed by the able leadership secured by Rev. George Fisk and his committee for the Convocation. As we all expected, Dr. Boynton Merrill lived up to our expectations as the Washburn chapel speaker. We were told by those who should know that the chapel attendance was the largest they recalled. Dr. Merrill did not beg attention: he commanded it through the strength of his quiet and confident appearance. It was obvious that he knows the 'speech of silence'. At times, his voice was almost too still and small to be heard, but hear him we did, and we were thankful. Personally, I found the chapel addresses inspiring and helpful. He spoke of the sixth sense without which the other senses can not make sense. He took us into the Gothic church and through his eyes long trained in worship we saw the symbolic strength, vision and mystery, without which no man lives in fullness. In Dr. Merrill's speech to the ministers I was even more grateful for the questions he raised than for the answers he gave.

If Rev. Robert Allard of CTS and Dr. Leroy E. Wright of Yankton School of Theology were expected to give our mental stagnation a jolt, no one was disappointed. Mr. Allard gave us a systematic analysis of the present status of the ministry, thereby challenging us to reevaluate our own ministry as well as to accept our responsibility in enlisting laborers for the Kingdom. Dr. Wright of Yankton contributed very much in the smaller group discussions as well as in his address to the ministers. We are indebted to our Convocation Chaplain, Henry Eden Wright of Great Bend. His forthrightness and intensity led us into deep places.

All that I venture to say about the Rev. Fred Smith is "God be praised for him." His was a stimulating address; that I dare say.

There are other impressions; the hospitality of Washburn University, the entertainment in the local churches, the excellent music by the choir of First Church, and the refreshing worship service presented by the Pilgrim Fellowship of Central Church under the direction of Mrs. Geo. Epps.

What more can one say? Much! But I will add only this expression of gratitude shared by the other twenty-three ministers who stayed in the State Parsonage. We were made to feel at home. I never before liked preachers in bulk, but these I can take.

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. D. H. Harrison
Mrs. Mabel Reddick
Mrs. Lily Boehner
Mrs. Myrtle Richardson
By Downs Women's Society

Mrs. T. G. Fitch
Mrs. U. G. Mitchell
Mrs. Anna Rowlands
By Lawrence Woman's Society

Mrs. Grace Dole
Mrs. Sadie Rumsey
By Almena Church

Zilphia Otte
By Great Bend Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Blanche Goodale
Miss Carrie Drisco
By Whatsoever Circle,
K.C. 1st Pilgrim

Mrs. Addie Gunsaullis
Mrs. Frank Kirkpatrick
Mrs. Mary Stacy
By Mt. Hope Federated Church

Mrs. Margaret Drummond
By Carbondale Community Church

Mrs. P. A. Mayers
By Smith Center Church

Mary Jean Horner
By Prairie Village Colonial Ladies

Mrs. E. W. Thrall
By Eureka Plymouth Guild

Mrs. I. Arthur Smith
Mrs. T. W. Peers
Miss Stella Wolcott
Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick
Mrs. William Harshbarger
Mrs. E. C. Hulett
Mrs. S. H. Stark
Mrs. T. F. Rickenbacher
Mrs. William G. McHenry
By Topeka Central

Mrs. E. J. Davies
Mrs. Elizabeth Aberle York
Mrs. Henrietta Evans Wakefield
By Manhattan Women's Society

Mrs. A. O. Downs
Mrs. L. H. Hausam
Mrs. Walter E. Hughes
Mrs. Robert L. Jones
By Emporia First Women

Mrs. Myrtle Winkler
Mrs. Zeta Whiteside
Mrs. Mattie Couse
By Lincoln Missionary Society

Mrs. Gertrude Robinson
Mrs. Elizabeth Delaney
Mrs. Mary Cross
By Leona Women's Society

Mrs. B. R. Abbott
By Women of Hutchinson Church

Mrs. J. E. Griest
Mrs. S. L. Wagoner
Mrs. Paul White
Mrs. E. E. Wiede
By Topeka First Women's Federation

Mrs. Cameron Young
Mrs. Andrew Unruh
Mrs. Marcia Brandt
By Newton Women

Friendly Service Flashes

Did you remember the three overseas missionaries selected for Kansas women to help this year? It is not too late, yet!

Mrs. Horace K. Wright,
American Mission Girl' H.S.
Ahmernagar, B.S.
Africa.

She asks for Multi-Purpose Food. The money for this three cents a meal food should be sent through C.W.S. Letters of Encouragement are always welcome. Her letters to us are very interesting, Mrs. Wright would like pictures of Jesus for framing and Sunday School pictures.

John Gilmore Young
Friend Peace House
Teramachi Dori
Kzoto, Japan

He asks for Relief packages which include packaged foods, clothing (nothing too old ever) and many small items which any group could assemble and send at little cost.

Sam and Reka Kaetzel
American Board Mission
Maphumulo
Natal, So. Africa

They ask for children's clothing, warm baby garments, religious pictures and many small items.

When packages are shipped, please notify your association secretary. Tell her the value, what the contents were, weight and to whom sent. Anything unreported cuts down our Kansas total.

And, of course, you remembered to dedicate your gifts and you notified the missionary or station that you were sending a package!

—Mrs. Walter Ives, Chairman

Downs Doings

The women have collected quantities of good used clothing for Cotton Valley School at Tuskegee, Alabama and Delmo project at Lilbourn, Missouri.

Garfield Women

A generous offering taken on January 28 benefited the March of Dimes and OCWM. Following a covered dish luncheon the afternoon was spent in quilting.

Mental Patients Adopted

Ten elderly woomen patients of the Larned State Hospital were adopted by ten women of the Mite Society of our Whitewater Church. These patients will be remembered on birthdays and other special days with cards, letters and small tokens. Such thoughtfulness brings a great lift to lonely people.

Reports Due

Annual report blanks for recording the work of local women's groups from April 1953 to April 1954 have been sent to each organization. These must be filled out and returned, one to your association president and one to Mrs. E. C. Garrison, Osborne, Kansas by April 1, for summaries in the Annual Report book. All Woman's gift money must reach the conference office by April 10 to be included in the mimeographed reports.

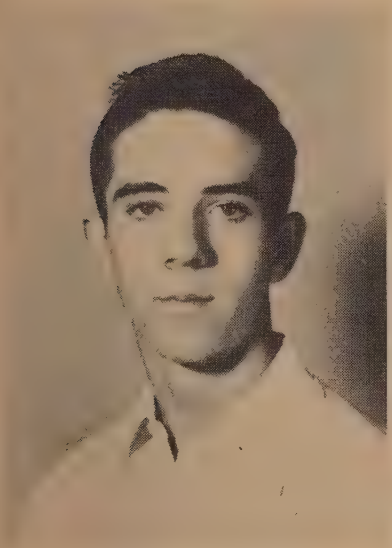
Idle Dollars

The Women's Dept. Board in session at the state parsonage March 1 and 2 voted to ask every women's organization to contribute from "idle dollars" in their treasuries to the Church Building Loan Fund in an all out effort to reach the Kansas goal of $75,000 by June first.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Roger Brown, President

Mike Walker, Secretary



Dan Hahn, Osborne P. F.

Meet Western's president, Dan Hahn who lives at Bloomington which is six miles from Osborne. Dan has been active in camp for esveral years.

Delegates Chosen

National Council for Pilgrim Fellowship convenes every two years. This year meetings will be held simultaneously with the General Council at Yale University Campus, New Haven, Conn. Each Conference is entitled to four voting delegates and one adult adviser who has voting privileges. The Pilgrim Fellowship Central Committee announces our 1954 delegation and alternates as follows: Eastern — Roger Brown. State P.F. President, Topeka Central; alternate, Penny O'Daniel. Kansas City Welborn. Southern, Mike Walker, State Secretary, Hutchinson; alternate, Marilyn Bell, Hutchinson. Western, Jean Williams, Athol; alternate, Judy Sick, Russell. Alternates will attend only in case of the inability of the dedegate to do so. The fourth delegate will be the newly elected State P.F. president. Tentative plans for transportation are to charter a bus which will be used by delegations from South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Wisconsin. There are plans for an all day visit in New York City enroute to the meeting. After the meetings the Massachusetts Pilgrim Fellowship will act as hosts for a two day visit in Boston. They will go to Plymouth Rock and other points of early Congregational interest. They will return home by the Canadian route. Uncle

Karen Smith, Mount Hope Junior High State Chairman

Ray Jones, minister of Topeka First, State Sponsor elect, will attend the Council as the adviser.

Downs

Senior PF sponsored "The Hidden Heart" February 14. All members and friends in the community were invited. A Junior group has been organized and has the following officers: Linn Skinner, president; Wendell Gaston, vice president; Fred Schneider, secretary; Karen Reddick, treasurer; Jerry Balls, reporter.

Manhattan

Young people of the church met Feb. 14 for a waffle supper which was followed by an organizational meeting and program discussion.

Hutchinson

$62.00 was cleared from a chili supper January 29. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lamb are the new sponsors.

Lawrence College Fellowship

Officers for this group are Barbara Bell, president; Lillian Yoshimoto, vice president; and Jim Bass, secretary-treasurer.

K. C. Welborn

Family night was held January 31. Both groups sponsored the annual chili supper February 3 while on February 7 they discussed the Islamic religion led by Larry Smith.

Join Your Church By Observing "One Great Hour of Sharing" — March 28 —

Vote of Thanks

The Kansas Ministers were appreciative of the lovely worship service presented by Topeka Central February 17 at Minister's Convocation.

Valentine Parties

Smith Center had a "Great Lover's" Box Supper; Wichita Fairmount Junior Hi's entertained the Intermediates and Topeka Seaman's Seniors had their own.

Centralia

A Mexican dinner was enjoyed by the group. (We didn't get the date.) On February 21 they invited their families to a potluck supper and round-table discussion on "Problems of the Christian Family." They used the filmstrips "A Family Affair" and "Is Your Home Fun?"

Youth Week Activities

Many activities have been reported in detail. Space forbids printing. We do wish to give mention to Kiowa, Topeka First, Central, and Seabrook, Smith Center, Centralia, Ellis and Osborne.

Osborne

On February 6 they netted $67.00 from a bake sale. The money will be used for a scholarship at the College of Emporia. Dan Hahn also reports a very successful union meeting on Youth Sunday with the Christian and Methodist young people.

Post Hi Group at Topeka Central

Cooking supper together at the church and a good discussion is the order of service for some graduated PFers attending Washburn College. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graves sponsor the group.

Sevice Activity

Lawrence Seniors painted toy cases for the Toddlers of the church. Toys were donated by members of the church. They have also started a series of discussions entitled "Th eTeenager and His World."

Letter from Silvia Brown

"It's lovely out here (Santa Barbara, California) and we are all satisfied. . . . They have a wonderful P.F. I'm looking forward to a P.K. camp after Easter."

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

"Let's Play It Again"

Using Records in Church School

The interested little lassies in the picture are Lynn Roberts, Carol Woodson and Cheryl Woelk of our Russell Church School.

Music is a very important medium in the religious growth of children. It can permeate the very atmosphere to suggest joy, sadness, quiet reverance, and wonder. The room in which children work and worship may, through music, be charged with an atmosphehe that is stimulating and wholesome.

Many Types

Many records are produced today. They must be chosen with discrimination, They can be very helpful to the teacher and she must choose it only if it will be the best means to achieve her objective. Some are for simple enjoyment, some are instructive, some call for action. Children love the rhythmical singing games. Educators tell us that the "record age is between four and six." Because the interest is so high it is of vital importance that a wise selection be made. Many stories and songs are spoiled for children because they are not mentally or emotionally ready for them.

"In Joyous Song" is an album especially designed for the church school. They are graded for Kindergarten, Primary and Junior children. This album is available for loan from Conference Office.

Remember Puddin Head Brown? Older Primary and Junior children still love to hear these "Adventure" series on how we got our Bible, everyday adventures and race relations. Titles will be given upon request. Available from Conference Office.

"Thank You" Dinner

Kansas City Welborn honored its teachers of the church school and weekday staff at a dinner in the church, February 23. Choir members were previously so honored.

Gifts to Silliman

Seventy attended the Osborne School of Missions in January and February. Receipts from the offerings were used for the Silliman project.

Estes Family Camp

The Rev. Edward Brantz, minister of the Community Church, Ralston, Nebraska will direct a Family Camp for the Kansas and Nebraska Confer-

ences. The dates are July 25-July 31 and the Friendship Group site located in Association Camp, Estes Park, Colorado is the place for this activity. Dr. Walter Dobler, newly appointed Family Life Secretary for our Division of Christian Education (taking Dr. Paul Reynolds' position) will teach the Bible course. Other details will reach our churches soon. We urge our churches to offer scholarships to interested families.

Trickey and Bonny Assist

The Rev. O. E. Bonny taught a course "Christianity and World Peacs" and The Rev. Reuben Trickey "My Christian—Beliefs Theology for Teachers" at the Community Leadership Training School held for seven weeks in the Kansas City, Kansas Y.W.C.A. sponsored by the Council of Religious Education.

March 28 — "One Great Hour"

We have urged all church school groups and young people to join with all members of their church in this great observance. In order to help visualize the value of your gift the following suggests possible uses:

$5.00 a glass of milk a day to 8 Arab children for a month
$2.00 ships 24 lbs. of clothing to Iron Curtain refugees
$1.00 provides rice to feed 9 Koreans for 2 weeks
$1.00 provides vitamins to disaster stricken Japanese
$1.00 provides 33 meals of multi-purpose food to India
$1.00 vaccinates 25 German refugees
$1.00 seeds for a Greek farmer

Fliers and envelopes to publicize this are available upon request from State Conference. Send offerings to Conference. This is Scond Mile giving and goes direct to Relief and Reconstruction.

Letters of Appreciation

Mrs. James McKinley, College of Theology, Silliman University in the Philippines and Miss Eutiquinana Orevillo, recipient of a partial scholarship from members in our Garden City Church have written expressing their grateful thanks. Miss Orevillo is a junior majoring in the deaconess course. Another letter was received expressing gratitude from Miss Anacleto O. Acha who also received financial support from the Kansas Conference.

"The Difference"

This is the title of the Spring Quarter Pilgrim Series color filmstrip which provides discussion material on common life problems. It helps to stimulate the audience to work out its own solutions on the basis of Christian principles. Copy available for use from Conference.

"A People Without Fear"

This 30 minute movie in black and white will help portray to your church the dynamic impact the Church has made in stricken areas of the world. It is an informative film rather than a story. We suggest it's use for "One Great Hour of Sharing". Rental $8.00 from State Conference.

"Tomorrow"

If you are not receiving this newsletter we will be glad to add your name to our mailing list. It is difficult to keep lists up to date and often those who should be receiving it do not. It is especially designed for church school superintendents and children's workers. The Pilgrim Fellowship newsletter is sent to those interested in youth work and is sent separately. Let us know if you would like this newsletter.

General Council Delegates

A new plan for election of General Council delegates, replacing the unit system, was adopted at the Claremont meeting and is in effect as delegates are chosen for the Council meeting to be held at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., June 23-30, 1954. Each local church is asked to send one or more nominations to their respective Association Registrars. By vote of the Board of Trustees, nominations in each association will be screened by a committee made up of the association representative on the State Nominating Committee, the Association Moderator and the Association Registrar. Nominees will be presented by this committee of each association for election at their meetings on Tuesday afternoon, May 4, the first day of our State Conference sessions in Lawrence.

The rules state that rotation shall follow wherever possible so that no delegate will ordinarily serve at successive General Council Meetings. Half the delegates shall be ministers and half lay members with equitable representation of men and women among the lay delegates.

April 12 has been set as the deadline for nominations from local churches to reach Association Registrars. Nominations should include only those who have given assurance that (barring emergencies) they will be able to attend, if elected. Mileage at the rate of two cents per mile will be paid to official delegates from the General Council Travel Fund.

NOTE: No nominee can receive consideration unless nominated by their local church. Letters outlining the above plan have gone to each minister and church clerk.

Laymen's News

Men Sponsor Art Show

On February 21, men of Kansas City First Pilgrim Congregational Church ventured forth in a field used primarily by women's groups, when they sponsored an Art Exhibit. Among the 25 exhibitors only two are artists by profession and among the amateurs were children and grandparents. Viewers were able to meet many of the artists, and were surprised to see real artistry created by their pastor, lawyer, neighbor or friend. In keeping with the social motif for such occasions, members of the Men's Club took turns presiding at the tea table. More than 350 guests enthusiastically complimented both the artists and the hosts.

Men At Work

The Men's Club at Kansas City Welborn is planning a new approach for its regular fourth Thursday night meeting, under the leadership of Floyd Rickey. Wives of the members will take turns at preparing dinners to be served at 7 o'clock. The men will gather for a session of "just plain old fashioned singing" at 6:30 and a program will follow the meal. The Men's Club sponsors the Boy Scouts, two softball teams, the annual soap box derby, and cares for an apple orchard which belongs to one of the members, who allows the club the proceeds from apple sales, for their work.

Brotherhood Dinner

Dr. J. Henry Hornung of Hutchson reports that the 5th Annual Brotherhood dinner, held February 23 with Rabbi Richmond of Wichita as guest speaker, was a grand success.

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

Every Fifth Sunday

Kansas City Ruby has decided to have a special innovation at the morning worship period every fifth Sunday. The first one on January 31 was observed as Laymen's Sunday. Arthur Candle and Hewitt Lovelace led the service, a male quartet brought special music and Mr. H. C. Arnspiger brought the message on the theme, "This Church is for Sale."

Special Observances

Rabbi Harry Richmond of Wichita's Temple Emmanuel was guest preacher at Wichita Pilgrim on Race Relations Sunday, February 12. International Day was observed February 21 with ten exchange students from Friends and Wichita Universities as guests. Following the service these students were dinner guests in homes in the parish.

Frontier News

This is the name of the attractive sheet put out by the Rev. Harald Wisegarver of Smith Center. Published in Smith Center Kansas' First House of Worship To keep the People Informed of new frontiers and hopes today Along the Christian Way.

Sunday Night Worship

Kansas City Rosedale is now holding a Sunday night worship service which replaces the former Bible study classes. The new plan will offer an opportunity for persons, who because of their employment, are unable to attend regular Sunday morning worship. Each last Sunday in the month, a covered dish supper and program will be held.

Hutchinson

Fourteen new members were received on January 17. At the annual meeting the church voted to extend the undercroft 30 by 60 feet to make more adequate room for Church School and activities. The work is to be started soon.

Southern P. F. Rally

Senior Pilgrims gathered at Hutchinson March 12-13. Rev. Richard Zoppel, Wichita Pilgrim was the guest speaker, Mike Walker led recreation. President Norman Dirks and Secretary Myrle Barton, both of Wichita, presided at P.F. Assembly and led singing. Rev. Louis Poppe is the Sponsor.